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The Governor's Address

Governor Allen delivered his annual address to the two branches of the Massachusetts Legislature at 12:30 Wednesday, Jan. 1. In his introduction he stated that it was his purpose to indicate the condition of the Commonwealth's affairs and to suggest such measures as he believed desirable and necessary in order to further the program of progress.

We give below his address condensed to about half its length:-

"Massachusetts has always been a progressive State," he said. "Its people have always faced forward. The work of government is never complete; in the past experiences of legislation and administration we have our guide for the continuing advancement of the public welfare. It is in full realization of this that we meet today."

The State's building program for 1929 was one of the most extensive in the history of the Commonwealth. Many needed facilities were made available for the State Departments of Mental Diseases, Public Health, Public Welfare, Education, and Correction. A notable item in this program is the fact that admission of patients to the new Metropolitan Hospital at Waltham, under the Department of Mental Diseases, has already begun. Upon the completion of new buildings and additions now under construction, provision will have been made for two thousand additional beds. The State tax last year was fixed by the General Court, on my recommendation, at \$8,600,000. This is 38 percent below the maximum. There was a reduction of \$1,600,000. We closed our fiscal year on November 30 with a substantial balance in the treasury.

Special Commissions

During the past year several commissions have been active in research work and the study of special problems. These research groups were created for the purpose of gathering additional facts relating to questions which were of particular importance, and in reference to which sufficient information was not at hand. The results of their work should be of great value.

Public Welfare

The bringing of hope, opportunity, and happiness to her crippled children is one of our State's most inspiring undertakings. Every crippled child in Massachusetts is being visited by an orthopedic nurse to determine whether the existing disability can be corrected and whether the child is receiving adequate treatment and education.

Massachusetts was the first state to place children in private homes rather than public institutions, doing so as early as 1869. It maintains no orphanages. Today the State cares for 6,118 children at a yearly expenditure of more than a million dollars. Children in need of foster homes should have the best that can be found. The appropriation for this purpose will be made liberal enough to provide a sufficient number of supervising visitors to assure maintenance of our highest standards. One visitor cannot successfully supervise 150 children.

Care of the Aged and Sick

Chronic illness is the saddest and most frequent cause of poverty in old age. The problem of caring for persons suffering with chronic disease, and particularly the care of aged persons so suffering, is at once important and appealing.

The State is alive to this problem. Cambridge, Haverhill, Brockton, Leominster, Barnstable, and Waltham have added to their respective bed capacities for the treatment of these afflicted persons. Pertinent to this problem, also, is the progress made during the year by the Department of Public Health in the early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Control of Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis is still the most frequent cause of death between the ages of 15 and 39. The State Department of Public Health still finds approximately 100 persons constantly waiting for admission to our four State sanatoria. The needs are being met with reasonable speed, but it is essential that the vital importance of this work shall be kept in mind in order that there may be no faltering in continuing the Commonwealth's campaign against this dread disease.

Education of the Mentally Defective. Although Massachusetts has gone farther than any other State in dealing with the problem of the mentally defective, we need to make still greater progress. The mentally defective, if trained during infancy and early childhood, can in many cases be developed to become self-supporting members of the community. Over and above the humanitarian aspect of the problem, there is the added consideration that it is short-sighted economy for us not to provide ample care for the mentally defective in childhood.

In so far as it can be done, retarded and slightly defective individuals should be trained in special classes in the public schools. Children who are receiving such training can live at home. By living at home the children enjoy more normal lives than is possible at any institution. Furthermore, families are saved the pang of separation.

I recommend the establishment at the Wrentham State School of a research laboratory for the purpose of

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High School Notes

The following is the Honor Roll for the last four months.

English-Honors: Seth Field, Charlotte Lombard, Jane Wright, Beatrice Oenbalist, Glenn Billings, Edna Bistrick, Myron Johnson, Kenneth Leach, Walter Pedersen, Grace Randall, Helen Szeszowski, Eunice Woodbury, Virginia Mann, Laura Martineau, Norman Miller, Evelyn Woffenden, and Mark Wright. **High Honors:** Ruth French, Polly Parker, Elizabeth Eastman, Catherine Gray, Marion Wells, Mary Breinig, Mary Podlanski, Esther Schzyeka, Elsie Tenney, Josephine Wozniak, Dorothy Stone, Victor Vaughn.

Biology-Honors: Lillian Woodbury, Esther Havencraft, Elsie Tenney, Eunice Woodbury.

Bookkeeping-Staff: Wozniak, Elizabeth Eastman, Catherine Gray, Marion Wells. **High Honors:** Tessie Jackson, Ralph Miller.

Chemistry-Honors: Ruth French. **High Honors:** Polly Parker.

Commercial Geography-Honors: Douglas Barton, Marshall Hammond.

Cooking-High Honors: Minnie Szeszowski.

French Honors: Alice Black, Elizabeth Eastman, Catherine Gray, Edna Bistrick, Evelyn Harecroft, Myron Johnson. **High Honors:** Ruth French, Polly Parker, Marion Wells, Mary Breinig, Esther Havencraft, Mary Podlanski, Grace Randall, Esther Schzyeka, Helen Szeszowski, Eunice Woodbury, Josephine Wozniak.

History-Honors: Seth Field, Charlotte Lombard, Jane Wright, Irwin Cowles, Dorothy Stone, Evelyn Woffenden. **High Honors:** Ruth French, Polly Parker, William Carr.

Latin-Honors: Catherine Gray, Josephine Barton, Mary Podlanski, Grace Randall, Josephine Wozniak. **High Honors:** Mary Breinig, Esther Schzyeka, Helen Szeszowski, Minnie Szeszowski, Elsie Tenney.

Problems of Democracy-Honors: Douglas Barton. **High Honors:** Tessie Jackson, Elizabeth Eastman, Catherine Gray, Marion Wells.

Geometry-Honors: Clayton Glazier, Grace Randall. **High Honors:** Mary Breinig, Mary Podlanski, Esther Schzyeka, Helen Szeszowski.

Algebra-Honors: Christine Gray, Norman Miller, Dorothy Stone, Evelyn Woffenden. **High Honors:** Ralph Kerran, Robert Shearer, Victor Vaughn.

Science-Honors: Irwin Cowles, Laura Martineau, Norman Miller, Dorothy Stone. **High Honors:** Victor Vaughn.

Married 35 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Gates of Orange, are spending a few days this week in Boston, celebrating their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. Gates was born in Northfield and his mother, Mrs. Mary Gates, still resides in this town. Mrs. Gates who was formerly Nellie Crane, was born in East Northfield, and attended Northfield Seminary. Her mother, Mrs. Ellen Crane Stebbins lives with her son in Springfield, but frequently visits in her apartment on Birnam road here. Mr. and Mrs. Gates were prominent as young people in Northfield, and their wedding took place in Crane cottage. They moved to Orange, where they have lived for 31 years, during which time they have been leaders in the social and civic life of the community. For 31 years Mr. Gates has been in the dry goods business, also representing this district in the State Legislature, is president of the Orange Savings Bank and a director in the Orange National Bank and Orange Cooperative Bank.

New Year's Party

The New Year's party which is annually given by the Northfield schools to the Northfield Seminary employees was held Wednesday. The turkey dinner which has been a feature of this event for several years, to the employees and their families has been discontinued as the numbers of those participating have grown so formidable. Two entertainments of moving pictures were given free at four o'clock in the afternoon and seven-thirty in the evening. The picture featured Harold Lloyd in "Welcome Danger" and it was given in Silverthorne Hall to large audiences.

Piper-Jones

The marriage of George B. Piper, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Piper of East Northfield, to Miss Elizabeth Jones of Winchester, N. H., took place on New Year's day at three o'clock in the afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, in Winchester. The bride is a graduate of the Keene Normal school and had been teaching in the Barber district school which is just over the line from Northfield, in Winchester. Mr. Piper is a native of Northfield and received his education here, including the high school. He is a painter by trade and will pursue this occupation in Winchester, where the couple will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Piper attended the wedding of their son, Wednesday afternoon.

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Tenney of Northfield Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Esther May to Gordon Austin Reed, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Reed of Northfield.

Local Odd Bits o' News

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Hazleton of Worcester spent Sunday at the Hazleton homestead at Mt. Hermon. Mrs. Frank Maynard was successfully operated upon at Brattleboro hospital last Friday and is making a good recovery.

Miss Katherine Owen and Russell Chase of Stoneham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Lewis for the week end and New Year's day.

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a meeting in the Legion Rooms of the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, January 7, at 7:45.

The Women's Alliance met in the afternoon of January 1 at the home of Mrs. Hoxie. After the transaction of business there was a social hour, one pleasant feature of which was the telling by Mrs. Webster and Miss Marion Webster, of their European trip last summer.

After a very pleasant month in Lynn Haven, Miss Caroline B. Lane has gone to St. Petersburg, Fla., for the rest of the winter and is stopping at The Laurette, 320 Fourth Ave., South.

The Young Peoples' Society of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Sophie Servais is the efficient president, gave a happy evening of events to the many young people who are home for the holidays. It was held Friday evening, Dec. 27, at the vestry and sixty young people were first served a delicious supper, consisting of creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, fruit salad, rolls, cake and coffee. Then a program of moving pictures directed by Gordon Reed and Ray Thompson was enjoyed with readings by Charles Wood a student of Mount Hermon school. Various games were enjoyed, the evening closing with a short business session. This was a kind thought of the home people for those who return for a season and was thoroughly appreciated.

West Northfield South Vernon, Mass.

Mrs. George H. Wallace

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Wallace died Saturday, December 21, at the Melrose Hospital in West Brattleboro, Vt., at the age of 83 years, after a long and painful illness with internal cancer.

She was born in Dover, N. H., August 14, 1846, the daughter of Eliza and Julia A. Nason. In 1886 she was married to Rev. Charles Goodrich in Chelsea, Mass., who died in 1904. Five years later she became the wife of Rev. George H. Wallace, a prominent preacher of the Advent denomination. Mr. Wallace died several years ago. After his death, Mrs. Wallace became, at the opening of the Vernon Home, about nine years ago, one of the first members of the Home family. With the exception of summers, she has lived at the Home continually ever since. Mrs. Wallace was a woman of many fine qualities and was of great assistance to her husbands in their Christian work.

She leaves one brother, Clinton L. Nason of Nashua, N. H., and several nieces to mourn her loss. The funeral was held at the Vernon Home, Tuesday morning, December 24, at 10 o'clock. It was conducted by Rev. George E. Tyler, who was assisted by Rev. C. O. Farnham of Worcester, Mass., an intimate friend of the family. The burial was at Westfield, Mass., where a service at the cemetery was conducted by Rev. George M. Teeple of that city.

Percy Sawtelle of Keene, N. H., spent Saturday at Alonzo Wheeler's. A. A. Dunklee made a recent business trip to Burlington, New York. Mrs. Roswell Dickinson of the Vernon Home is in very poor health. Miriam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolton, has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Lucy Folstead spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Armstrong in Springfield.

Mrs. R. E. Bruce is ill with the grippe and tonsillitis and under the care of Dr. Grace Burnett.

Mrs. George Hall of Brattleboro, spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Carlton Holton.

Misses Thelma Newton and Laura Crafts of Pittsburg are holiday guests at C. D. Streeter's.

Dan Haskell of New York City spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Haskell at Stonehurst.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Edson and family of Northfield, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Edson.

Mrs. Mary Holton of Springfield, Mass., was a Christmas guest of her son, Henry C. Holton and family.

Henry C. Holton held an auction of his stock, Tuesday. It was well attended, and the stock sold for good prices.

Warren Brown and Webster Johnson of Mount Hermon school are spending the holiday vacation at their homes.

The West Northfield school began Monday after a two week's vacation. The South Vernon schools will begin next Monday.

Advent Church: Sunday morning service at 10:45 with a sermon by the pastor, Rev. George E. Tyler. Sunday school at 12:00. In the evening, the church will unite with the Vernon Un-

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Kidder spent the week end in Keene, N. H., with Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Clark. Mrs. Robert B. Fulton of Framingham spent New Year's with her mother, Mrs. F. B. Caldwell.

Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Makepeace left Monday for Lynn Haven, Florida, to spend the winter.

The state auditors are here auditing the town books at the town hall. They are staying at Bernardston Inn and commute.

Miss Clarissa Morgan who teaches in Cambridge has been spending the vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Morgan.

Cards have been received from Rev. and Mrs. Griffith who are now on their auto trip to the south. They had gotten as far as Deland, Fla.

Miss Juliana Alexander after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Alexander, returned to her teaching in Wilmington, Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Bittinger leave by automobile the first of the week for Florida where they will spend the winter. Richard Bittinger, their son, of Springfield, has been spending several days with them before they leave for the south.

The two Christmas trees at the home of Harry L. James are so unusually beautiful that they have caused a good many remarks complimentary to Mr. James. He has given a real treat to those who have seen them and incidentally has demonstrated the possibilities of Christmas tree lighting by electricity.

Mrs. Mary A. Holton of Springfield is spending a short time at the Holton homestead on Mt. Hermon hill. She is planning to return to Northfield in the spring and will occupy the Alexander homestead, in East Northfield, which has recently been thoroughly repaired.

COMING EVENTS IN NORTHFIELD

If officers or members of local organizations or committees will send in dates of their functions well in advance, we will be glad to print them in this column, without charge.

American Legion meeting, Town Hall, last Friday in every month.

North Church, Sunday School Faculty, second Monday in month, 6 p. m.

Northfield Historical Society, First Tuesday in December, March, June and September.

Jan. 7 Womans' Auxiliary Meeting at 7:30, Legion Rooms, Town Hall.

Jan. 7 Franklin County Farm Bureau, Community Meeting, 7:30, Town Hall.

Jan. 9 Pageant of Shaw's under direction of Fortnightly, Town Hall, 3:00 p. m.

Jan. 10 Community Club Dance, Town Hall.

Jan. 21 Community Club Dance.

ion church at the Chapel at 7:15. Mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home at 7:30 p. m. On Tuesday, January 7, the annual business meeting of the church will be held at 1:30 p. m., weather permitting. All members of the church should be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolton and children, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doolittle of East Northfield.

Warren Brown spent the week end with a school friend in Springfield, Mass., while there he called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oakes.

Misses Olivia Edson and Betty Wenzel of New York City were Christmas guests of Miss Edson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Edson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Farnum and Mrs. H. V. Martineau left Wednesday morning for Florida, where they will spend the rest of the winter.

R. W. Russell has so far improved in health as to be able to take an automobile ride and he spent last Friday, calling on friends and relatives, about town.

Mr. Ransom Abeley has returned home from the Melrose Hospital in West Brattleboro, Vt. He has to visit the hospital every few days for medical assistance and treatment.

The officers of the Advent Christian church met at the Vernon Home Tuesday night to prepare for the annual business meeting of the church which will be held next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Holton had a family reunion on Christmas day. All their children and grandchildren were present, except Mrs. Alfred Holton and children, who were kept at home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Holton gave a whist party Tuesday night. There were four tables. Refreshments were served and all had a good time. Ralph Gibson won first prize, and Mrs. Ralph Holton won the consolation prize.

There was a family reunion at Herbert Jillsens, Saturday. Seventeen were present at dinner, including their sons, Harlan and Adin Jillsen and families of Turners Falls and Lester Jillsen of Dummerston and their daughter, Miss Vina Jillsen of East Orange, New Jersey.

Meeting of Fruit Growers

The Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association with its 1200 members, including a good many from other New England states, will be the largest group to meet at the Union Agricultural convention in Worcester, Jan. 8, 9, and 10. The fruit growers will open their session on the afternoon of January 8 with a program including the following speakers: Prof. W. H. Thies, Massachusetts Agricultural College; Dr. B. A. Porter, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mr. D. B. MacCollom, Sterling; Director F. J. Sievers, Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station. At six o'clock the fruit growers will have their annual dinner with a talk by Capt. G. A. Parker, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, motion pictures and an entertainment.

On the second day the fruit growers will have morning and afternoon meetings with the following speakers: Dr. W. S. Hough, Winchester, Virginia; Dr. J. R. Magnus, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mr. Fred E. Cole, Worcester County Extension Service.

The third day sessions of the fruit growers will be general in the morning with the following speakers: Prof. F. C. Sears, Massachusetts Agricultural College; Prof. J. S. Bailey, Massachusetts Agricultural College; Prof. G. F. Potter, University of New Hampshire; Mr. John Felt, Purchasing Agent, First National Stores.

In the afternoon session packing of apples to meet market requirements will be the chief topic with talks by Mr. Clarence Johnson, Johnson Brothers, Boston; Mr. John Chandler, Sterling Junction, followed by demonstrations of actual packing in various types of boxes and baskets in charge of C. H. Gould of Haydenville.

Spectacular Film

The most pretentious parade of pulchritude ever produced for the edification of picture patrons will be seen and heard at the Garden Theatre next week when Florenz Ziegfeld's "Glorying the American Girl" comes there.

With most of its spectacle photographed by the improved Technicolor Process, this film is one of the biggest eye and ear entertainments to be projected on the screen since talking pictures became one of the staples of life. Ziegfeld himself personally supervised the production. Mary Eaton, star of many a Ziegfeld stage show on Broadway, is the leading lady. The story shows how she, as a tank town nobody, gains success on the New York stage after many trials and heartbreaks. There is romance, comedy and excitement in this moving tale of the great white way. Dan Healy, himself a famous Broadway dancer, Kaye Renard, song and dance girl of great renown, and Olive Shea, recently selected as Miss Radio of 1929 in the big New York radio show, are cast in support of Miss Eaton.

In a special revue sequence of the picture, three of the stage and screen's leading performers are seen in individual performances. They are Eddie Cantor, now starring in "Whoopee" in New York; Helen Morgan of "Show Boat" fame; and Rudy Vallee, the soft-voiced crooner of radio, record and talking screen fame.

Northfield Club

The Franklin County Northfield Club will hold its winter meeting, Saturday, January 11, at the Mansion House, Greenfield. All former Seminary girls are cordially invited. Meeting and program at 11:30 o'clock. The Rev. Ellis Jones will speak.

Hinsdale, N. H.

Fred E. Robertson was with relatives in Putney, Vt., for Christmas.

A New Year's dance was held at Hinsdale Inn this week, Tuesday evening.

George Rouillard, who is employed in East Jaffrey, N. H., was here, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Finn of Whately, Mass., were Sunday guests of friends, in town.

Mrs. Mary Dickerman observed her 90th birthday, Christmas day. She received 43 cards from her friends.

Miss Sybil Stearns of Providence, R. I., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis D. Stearns, several days recently.

Walter Sikoski, U. S. N., returned on Thursday, of this week, to Brooklyn, N. Y., after having spent the holidays at his home here.

There will be a dance in the Foresters' hall, this week Saturday evening. Dancing will be in order from 8 until 12 o'clock, and music will be furnished by a syncophone.

A party of 34, including members of The Hinsdale Athletic Association, and invited guests, were served a roast turkey dinner at the Rysta Cafe, Monday evening of this week.

Jason P. Sikoski, who has been at his home here, for two weeks, returned this week, Thursday, to the University of New Hampshire, at Durham, where he is a student. Wendell Gove, who is also a student there, returned Tuesday.

Miss Joie Redding, sister of Mrs. Walter Crawford of this town, and who was on board the Fort Victoria, which was sunk in New York harbor as it was sailing for Bermuda, December 18, lost all her baggage. Plans were made whereby the passengers were taken on the St. George the following day. This is the third season Miss Redding has held the position of head waitress at the Hotel Bermuda.

New Minister for First Parish

Rev. Charles C. Connor has been engaged to take pastoral charge of the First Congregational Unitarian Church in the town, to continue from month to month indefinitely, and will be joined in the work by Mrs. Connor later. He will have charge of the service Sunday, Jan. 5th.

Mr. Connor is a native of northern Kentucky, and his early ministry was in the middle West. He came from St. Paul's Universalist Church of La Crosse, Wis., to the East, and his first charge in New England was at Monson, Mass., 1899, with the beginning of the year and continued into 1905, when he was called to Barre, Vt., where is located Goddard Seminary which is under the auspices of his denomination. He was pastor of both the church and the seminary, lecturing in the seminary and giving the baccalaureate sermon on commencement occasions.

In 1909 he became, by arrangement of the State Superintendent of churches, acting pastor of the Second Universalist Church, Springfield, Mass., where he continued for five years and trebled the membership of the church.

In 1914 he began a return pastorate at Hamilton, Ohio, where in his first pastorate a new church edifice was completed and dedicated. Here in the autumn of 1914 he was married to Miss Mary Andrews, who had been ordained in 1902 to the ministry in this her home church and city.

Together they have done summer vacation work at Calais, Vt., where on the East side is a Union church. Their first summer there, the Congregationalists having no minister, leading ones of the village voluntarily subscribed and contributed to the support of their work, and the next summer a Community Church for the town was organized and started by them. It was helped by a Congregational missionary society, and a Congregational minister was engaged for the work. Mr. and Mrs. Connor going westward. After some months the minister died and they were asked to come and fill out his unexpired time, which they did, and continued for another year in the work.

In a joint pastorate at Rochester, Vt., they brought about indirectly the federation of the Universalist and Congregational churches which stood almost side by side with only a residence between. Their work has been in North Adams for the last five years, where a beautiful spirit of co-operation exists among all the Protestant churches of the city.

Mr. Connor has received into the church in his fields of work upward of 700 members. Many of his sermons have been published in dailies, in religious journals, and in pamphlets. He is the author of four books: A Pastor's Immortalities, From Nature to Man, Notes in the Symphony of Religion, and a shorthand textbook of his own system which he is now introducing to schools and colleges.

Parent-Teachers As'sn.

The regular meeting of the Parent and Teacher Association will be held in Alexander Hall, Monday evening, Jan. 6. Mrs. Joseph W. Field will be in charge of the program. The topic of the day will be "Health," and Carl W. Schrader, State Supervisor of Physical Education will be the speaker. Any one interested, whether a member of the association or not, is cordially invited to attend. Their will be a special musical program and refreshments will be served. Those on the committee to assist Mrs. Field are, Mrs. Harry James, Mrs. Charles Leach, Mrs. Waldo Stebbins, Mrs. Harold Bigelow, Mrs. Martin James, Mrs. Theodore Darby, Mrs. Fred Bolton, Mrs. Ralph Holton, Mrs. Edward Morgan, Miss Garey and Miss Taylor.

Community Meeting

The Franklin County Extension Service will hold a Community Meeting in our Town Hall at 7:30, January 7. The program will consist of stereopticon pictures showing crops, animals, and the result of demonstration work in the county; moving pictures will be shown illustrating better methods in agriculture, home making and club work; reports of years work will be given and plans for the new year discussed. Interesting pictures and discussions of your own problems with the result secured by your neighbors makes the program of value to everyone and everyone is invited.

Streeter-Doolittle

Miss Gladys Streeter of Vernon, Vt., and Everett Doolittle of Northfield, were married on Saturday evening, December 21st, by Rev. F. W. Pattison at his residence. The young couple have rented an apartment in the Proctor Block where they will keep house. The bride has been employed by Mrs. J. F. Kendrick for nearly two years. Mr. Doolittle is an employee of Northfield Seminary.

Y. P. B. Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Y. P. B. will be held in Grange Hall on Wednesday evening, January 8, at 7:30. All young people are invited to attend. Games, dancing, and a good time for all, after a short business meeting. Come one! Come all! Admission, ten cents.

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Twenty Years Ago

From the Northfield Press,
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Thermometers these days are ranging anywhere from zero to 17 degrees below.

N. D. Alexander took his last load of household goods to Dover, Vt. on Tuesday. Mrs. Alexander and the children went Wednesday. Their many Northfield friends wish them all sorts of prosperity in their new house.

January 1, was moving day for several families. A. W. Proctor vacated the north suite of rooms in the Proctor block and will move into the Webster Block and Miss Banks promptly moved into the rooms vacated by the Masons. The Northfield Press will vacate its quarters upstairs as soon as the presses are moved downstairs.

Building operations in Northfield were not as extensive in 1909 as in some previous years. The Seminary completed, Sage Chapel and Music Hall, gifts of Mrs. Russell Sage; A. N. Proctor enlarged and improved the Proctor block by an addition on the south; Geo. N. Kidder is erecting a seven room cottage on Parker Avenue; Frank B. Holton is improving the Martha Wright estate, and a fine set of buildings is the result. The Frank Wright house has been remodeled and two piazzas added; several new cottages have been built on Rustic Bridge and in Mountain Park; three houses have been built on Birnam road; one by Frank Spencer, one by Stone and Holton and one by Mrs. McGrath. The moving of a barn and the resulting improvements to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pitt were sufficient to attract the tax assessors' attention. This year ought to see something done toward the erection of a High School Building.

The dedication of the new Advent Christian Church at South Vernon took place Wednesday, December 29. The weather favored a large attendance at both the morning and evening services. The church building is free of debt and pledges amounting to \$2150 towards the cost of a parsonage have been received. Both church and parsonage are conveniently situated with approaches from the north and south. The interior appointments are first class in quality and utility, including hard wood floors and trimmings. Light, both inside and outside, will be provided by acetylene gas. The regular order of worship was initiated last Sunday when the pastor, Rev. A. E. Phelps, preached at 10:30 and at 7:30. The choir under the leadership of L. R. Brown was composed of A. A. Dunklee, Mr. Stark, Miss Martineau and Miss March, with Mrs. Brooks as organist.

Praised and Rewarded

Our young townsman, Kenneth Black, has received from the acting President of the Boston and Maine Railroad a letter of appreciation accompanied by a valuable gold watch and chain. Mr. Black was one of two young men whose quick action prevented a possible accident of a very serious nature to the fast passenger train known as the Montserrat. The letter sent to him is self explanatory and reads as follows:

Boston, Dec. 27, 1929

Dear Mr. Black:

In the early morning of October 20th last, an automobile plunged through the overhead bridge in Northfield Street, Bernardston, and dropped onto our tracks. You and another young man, whose identity is still unknown to us, with commendable presence of mind ran down the tracks and with flashlight signalled the engineer of train 733 then approaching the spot. By your prompt action the engineer was enabled to bring his train to a stop before striking the obstruction, thus preventing what might have been a serious derailment.

The Boston and Maine Railroad is very grateful for such service, and as a mark of appreciation it gives me great pleasure to present you herewith this watch and chain.

Yours very truly,
THOMAS N. PERKINS,
Acting President.

Merry Christmas

Almost a Christmas present, Rev. and Mrs. John S. Marsh, missionaries under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Mt. Silinda, Rhodesia, Africa, report by cable, the birth on December 21 of a son. Mr. Marsh is the son of Mrs. Lillian Marsh of East Northfield.

His wife, Dorothy Louise Van Wile, is the daughter of Rev. Frank Van Wile of Burdett, New York. She was born in Meridale, New York. Mr. Marsh is a Yale University man and a graduate of Hartford Theological Seminary. The Marshes have one other child, a daughter. Mr. Marsh is supported in his work by the Naugatuck, Conn. Congregational Church, Rev. Edward R. Harke pastor. Both the father and grandfather of Mr. Marsh were missionaries.

House Burned in Gill

A cottage owned by P. W. Eddy at Gill and occupied by Kenneth Day and family was burned to the ground last Sunday morning involving a loss of \$2,000. It was caused by an explosion of gasoline while filling the tank of a gasoline stove. Mr. Day was burned about the hands and face. No one else was injured and the most of the contents of the cottage was recovered. The Turners Falls Fire Department answered the alarm but could not get near enough to save the property.

Patent Granted

Henry A. Johnson has recently received a patent, No. 266,214, on a Buoyant Bathing Device. His invention is practical and valuable and when used by children or by any one unable to swim it insures safety without taking away any of the pleasure of bathing.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Carrie L. Mason was called to Manchester, N. H., last week by the serious illness of an aunt.

Mrs. Frank Evans returned from Parren hospital last week, Thursday, and is making a remarkable recovery. A. P. Pitt returned from Wayne, Pa., the middle of this week and plans to be here for the remainder of the winter.

Virginia and Donald Rogers of Cambridge, are visiting this week, their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frary.

Dr. W. G. Webber has had a few days vacation while the Northfield Schools were closed and spent it in Boston and vicinity.

Several have received cards and photos from Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Robbins from Lemon Grove a suburb of San Diego, Cal., which tell us of their excellent health and enjoyment of California life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moody and daughter, Mrs. Beatrice, left on Monday, for Chicago, where Mr. Moody has an engagement for the winter. Mr. Pitt will occupy their home while they are away.

Highways for 1930

With every indication that Congress will increase Federal-aid appropriations to stimulate road-building throughout the country, expenditures for highway and street construction and maintenance in 1930 will exceed two and a half billion dollars and furnish employment for 625,000 people.

This statement was issued by Thomas P. Henry, president of the American Automobile Association, who pointed out the tremendous influence this vast program will have in justifying the billions of dollars to be spent in other channels next year.

"But large as this program appears," Mr. Henry added, "it must not be assumed that it measures up to the road-building needs of the nation today."

Mr. Henry's estimate of road and street expenditures for 1930 is based on a survey of expenditures for 1928 and 1929, and reports from affiliated A. A. A. motor clubs and highway authorities throughout the country.

The nation's highway bill in 1928, he said, totaled \$1,659,691,990, and preliminary estimates for 1929 place the amount at well over \$1,800,000,000.

"And additional \$50,000,000,000 in Federal-aid appropriations, to be matched with a similar amount by the States, together with the speeding up of construction generally as pledged to President Hoover by state executives, will easily mean an increase of \$200,000,000 in road expenditure next year."

"To this must be added approximately \$500,000,000 a year spent by municipalities for construction and maintenance of streets. This amount will in all probability be exceeded in 1930."

"It is estimated that every \$4,000 spent in the construction and maintenance of streets and highways is equivalent to the wages and materials used by one worker. On this basis the anticipated two and a half billion dollar program in 1930 would mean the employment of 625,000 men. Of this number approximately 100,000 represent highway officials, contractors and engineers, the remainder constituting the highway labor army."

While urging the States and communities to do everything possible to enlarge their road appropriations for 1930, Mr. Henry declared that this is a good time for cities to launch their programs for street widening and the acquisition of the necessary rights-of-way.

"There is hardly a large city in the United States," he said, "the development and future prosperity of which hinge on the securing of rights-of-way for the construction of wider streets, belt-roads and super-highways through metropolitan areas. Only a handful of cities have developed a real program. Here is an acute problem to which capital can be diverted, as a permanent investment in efficient transportation, growth and prosperity." He continued:

"It has been shown in the past that Federal-aid has encouraged highway building by the States, and also that the resultant increase in travel has stimulated municipalities to take steps to speed up needed street improvements."

"Federal projects, however, cannot proceed as rapidly as they have in the past few years unless Congress increases the annual appropriation. The principal reason for this is the fact that an accumulation of unexpended balances of earlier years, which allowed a pace in excess of what would ordinarily be possible under the \$75,000,000 allotted each year, has now been absorbed. It is significant that the mileage of improvement completed during the fiscal year 1929 was smaller than in previous years."

The appointment of J. W. Smith, general manager of the Boston & Maine railroad, as vice-president and general manager, was announced today by acting President Thomas Nelson Perkins. Mr. Smith's appointment, effective Jan. 1, carries with it jurisdiction over the transportation and mechanical department of the railroad.

As general manager, he has been in charge of the transportation forces for the past two years, after coming to New England from the Middle West, where he served under the late president George H. Hanauer as general manager of the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad. Within this two years the Boston and Maine has shown further substantial improvement in service to its patrons and in efficiency of operation.

General Manager Smith, who is 50 years of age, is himself the son of a railroad track supervisor. He grew up on the railroads of the Middle West advancing from his first job as brakeman on the "Clover Leaf" road through the various positions on that and other lines to become travelling yardmaster of the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad in 1910. Thence he gained promotion successively as general yardmaster, superintendent and general superintendent and general manager before coming to the Boston & Maine on August 16, 1927, as assistant to the president.

The Governor's Address

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conducting mental examinations of feeble-minded and delinquent children, with the view of taking early steps toward correction of these defects.

Adult Insane

Care of the adult insane continues to be our most serious institutional problem. The Commonwealth expends annually through its Department of Mental Diseases more than ten million dollars. This represents about 8 per cent of the total State expenditures for the year. To meet the annual demand for treatment, the Department of Mental Diseases estimates that 400 additional beds should be provided each year for the next five-year period. There is also need for a research center, organized and conducted in accord with the advanced methods of mental hygiene; I shall ask for further appropriations to enlarge this important work.

Safety on the Highways

The number of victims of motor vehicles on the highways continues to increase. The situation is grave. No civilized community can find an excuse for the continuance of these tragedies.

We in this State have faced this problem and sought to solve it.

During the fiscal year 1929, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles suspended or revoked 53,133 drivers' licenses. The corresponding number in 1928 was 40,814. There has been continuous pressure against reckless drivers. Each year has seen new legislation to promote highway safety.

The only measure of satisfaction we can find is in the fact that the number of fatalities from motor vehicle accidents increased in 1929 in less proportion than the increase of motor vehicles registered. The number of registrations increased 14.8 per cent. The number of fatalities increased 8.3 per cent. During the fiscal year 1929, one person was killed for every 1,322 motor vehicles registered. The ratio in 1928 was one person killed for every 1,248 registrations. The 1927 ratio was 1 to 1,195. Going back to 1920, there was one fatality to every 684 registrations, and going still further back to 1914 the ratio was 1 to every 372 cars. Thus, had the 1914 death rate prevailed in 1929 there would have been three and one-half times as many such deaths on the highways as actually occurred.

Nevertheless, we face the fact that during 1929, 775 persons were killed on the highways of our State. Considerations of ratio cannot restore those lives. Satisfaction in a reduction of the proportion of fatalities to cars registered does not excuse the continued record of these deaths.

We have done much to improve the laws regarding highway safety and to make the enforcement of these laws more effective. We can, and shall, continue this work of strengthening the laws. It remains the vital fact, however, that laws and the activity of enforcement agencies cannot solve this problem without the earnest and active co-operation of all persons—pedestrians and operators of motor vehicles alike.

I call not only upon all State and local officials, but upon every individual in the Commonwealth to take each upon himself or herself a full measure of the responsibility for highway safety.

Motor Vehicles and Criminals

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles at present has no means of discovering whether or not applicants for driving licenses have been convicted of crime. I recommend legislation providing for the regular transmission of such information to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles by the Commissioner of Probation. I further recommend legislation to forbid the granting of an operator's license to any person who has been convicted of a felony more than once.

Education

Massachusetts continues in its sincere devotion to the cause of education. During the school year ending June 30, 1929, there were 488,519 pupils enrolled in the elementary schools of Massachusetts; in the senior high schools, 82,720; in the junior high schools, 82,239. Thus, not counting our higher institutions of learning and special schools, there were in the elementary and high schools of the State 695,474 enrolled pupils. Of such material is built the future of our Commonwealth.

Observance of Law

I believe one of the gravest dangers which threatens us today is indifference in the observance of law. Violation and evasion are a direct threat to the stability of our institutions and the permanence of our government.

The repeal of our State law providing for the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution would not change the fundamental situation with regard to prohibition. The Federal Constitution rules. The repeal of the State Enforcement Act would be an open invitation and an incentive to violate the law. It would breed and nourish lawlessness—lawlessness which spreads as a contagion to destroy all law.

Any of our citizens who may be opposed to the Eighteenth Amendment are provided by the Constitution itself with a lawful and orderly method for repealing the amendment. So long as the Constitution is our law, our duty is clear-cut and well defined. Whether a person believes in the wisdom of the Eighteenth Amendment or not, he ought to stand squarely for the enforcement of the supreme law of the land. As citizens of the United States and of Massachusetts, ours is the duty of observing the Constitution and laws of the Nation and the Commonwealth. I urge in the strongest possible terms upon every officer within the Commonwealth the duty of strict enforcement of the law. I urge the equally important duty of strict observance of the law upon every citizen.

Massachusetts has always been a staunch supporter and defender of the Constitution of the United States. Massachusetts has always stood for law and order.

Answers to "How Much Do You Know?"

1. A mild form of red pepper.
2. Either on the second syllable or the first.
3. Rhode Island.
4. An animal of the order Reptilia that lives on the land.
5. Mount Sinai.
6. I have found it.
7. A musical instrument of the woodwind family.
8. China.
9. He was whipped to death.
10. Korean.
11. The Island of St. Helena.
12. Vermont.

Test While You Rest

Test while you rest, or in other words don't wait until you are ready to plant your seed. It is a slogan which the state seed laboratory at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, is advocating for farmers.

"This plan is necessary," says O. W. Kelly, analyst in the seed laboratory, "if we are to give service to all farmers and seed houses who send in requests for germination tests. Five more 28 days, and in some cases more, are required to germinate seeds."

"From February 1 through May the seed laboratory is swamped with orders and, since we have only 24 hours in a day and since we cannot have all the help we need, some one is bound to be disappointed. At this period of the year things are not so rushing and prompt attention can be given to most orders."

"Samples," says Mr. Kelly, "should consist of at least two ounces of seed and should be mailed now to the State Seed Laboratory, Amherst, Mass."

We Deserve our Criminals

"Every society has the criminals that it deserves," says Lewis E. Lawes, Warden of Sing Sing penitentiary, and one of America's greatest authorities on crime.

This is a profound truth. Crime waxes or wanes in direct ratio to the attitude of society. The callous attitude of most Americans toward our growing criminality is responsible for the present strength and prosperity of the underworld.

We have allowed our criminal law to reach a point of impotence where it is mainly a display of technicalities and legal pyrotechnics. We have allowed reformers to create sickly sentiment for the most hardened law-breakers. And we are now paying the price.

Crime will be subdued when public opinion demands quick apprehension and punishment of offenders; instead of sanctioning the passage of a "new law" which in each instance restricts the rights and liberties of law-abiding citizens on the theory that the criminal will be affected thereby. What a farce! Crime flourishes under such a system and the innocent suffer. Continue this system to its logical conclusion and the only man who would have any freedom of action would be the law-breaker.

Every citizen would do well to remember Warden Lawes' statement, "Every society has the criminals that it deserves."

Pageant of Shawls

The next fortnightly meeting takes the form of a "Pageant of Shawls," at the Town Hall, Jan. 9th at 3 o'clock instead of Jan. 10th as given in the year book. This is directed by Mrs. Clifton Johnson of Hadley, with a town committee of which Mrs. Frank Montague is chairman. Each member is privileged to invite two guests.

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the subscribers have been duly appointed executors of the will of Francis Schell, late of New York in the State of New York, deceased, testate, leaving estate in the County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and have taken upon themselves that trust by giving bonds as the law directs, and have appointed as their agent in Massachusetts, Ambert G. Moody of East Northfield, Mass.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to MARY STEWART SCHELL, NICHOLAS P. RYDER, Executors.

Address: 21 East 62nd St., 5493 Fieldston Road, Riverdale, October 15th, 1929.

COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, SS. PROBATE COURT.

Case 23752

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Mary M. Holton late of Northfield, in said County, deceased.

WHEREAS, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court for probate, by Lucy Holton Folstead, of said Northfield, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Greenfield, in said County of Franklin, on the third Tuesday of January A. D. 1930, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Northfield Press, a newspaper published in said Northfield, the last publication to be one day at least before Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days before said Court.

Witness, FRANCIS NIME THOMPSON, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

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Driver of Old Car (after roadside halt)—You don't notice that knock in the engine so much now, do you?
Friend—No. How did you fix it?
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Mr. Skinpants—Hey! Leggo or I'll hand you one.
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She—I don't think it's fair for you to keep such a lovely girl as Bessie away from all the other men.
He—Well, she's back in circulation again—I've given her up.

An Estimate
Sedan—I hear you got a new cat. What horsepower is your engine?
Henrietta—It seems to be a scant one-horsepower, but it has a four-donkeypower horn.

Made His Eyes Bulge, All Right
Bulldog (looking into the tiger's cage)—Great whiskers! how in the world could I ever chase a cat like that up a tree?

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1—Bathing beauties decorating municipal Christmas tree in Venice, Calif., where it is sunny and snowless. 2—New portrait of Joseph R. Grundy, appointed senator from Pennsylvania. 3—German troops saluting the flag of the Reich as it rises over Ehrenbreitstein fortress after the departure of the French troops of occupation.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Senate Approves Tax Reduction and French War Debt Settlement.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

WITH the tax cut bill passed by both house and senate and the Mellon-Berenger agreement for the funding of the French debt ratified by the upper house, congress quit work on Saturday and went home to celebrate Christmas and New Year's.

Fourteen senators, most of them classed as radicals, voted against the tax reduction measure but 63 were recorded in its favor, and it was promptly signed by President Hoover. The act, whose terms are already quite generally known, remains in effect only one year, but it is presumed that congress a year hence will provide for another reduction if tax revenues continue at the present high level.

The vote on the ratification of the French debt settlement was 52 to 21. Senator Howell of Nebraska, Republican, led the opposition on behalf of the radical group, which consistently fights about everything the administration seeks to accomplish. Howell contended that the effect of the settlement was to cancel the entire principal of the debt. His theory was that the payments over a period of 62 years represent merely interest at a rate of 2.17 per cent.

The French indebtedness, which was funded at a total of \$4,025,000,000, not only was one of the largest of any of the debts but is the last to be disposed of except those of Russia and Armenia, which are at present listed in the hopeless class. The principal and accrued interest at the time of the funding of the debts totaled approximately \$11,500,000,000.

Unless the entire debt question is reopened at some future time the controversy is now officially closed. There is an impression that if the American public debt continues to be retired at its present rate and is entirely wiped out within the next 17 or 18 years an agitation will immediately develop for a cancellation of all foreign debts which remain outstanding at that time.

PROSPECTS for the naval limitation conference in London in January are no quite so rosy as they were. In the first place the Japanese delegates, who have been entertained in Washington on their way to England, revealed that their program differs sharply from that of the United States in the matters of cruisers and submarines. The Japanese are still asking a 10-7 ratio for all auxiliary craft, including the big gun cruisers, though it is hoped they will modify their demands slightly in order to gain their point concerning submarines. They wish to retain 78,000 tons of underwater craft now in their fleet or under construction. As the United States is anxious to sharply reduce her submarine tonnage and there are some indications the cruiser demands by Japan may be modified, the Japanese submarine proposal now furnishes the chief obstacle to an accord between the two powers.

American naval officials, especially, are opposed to permitting Japan such a large submarine force. One big reason for the navy's opposition lies in the fact that possession of a big submarine navy, together with numerous naval bases, would give Japan control of the Asiatic trade routes over which the United States must transport its supplies of tin and rubber, raw materials not produced in sufficient quantities in this country, but absolutely essential to the prosecution of a successful war.

Over in Paris the chamber of deputies' commission on foreign affairs and naval matters, sitting jointly, approved the government's viewpoint that all results of the London conference must be considered tentative and must be submitted to the League of Nations' disarmament commission for consideration of their possible incorporation into a general disarmament program.

Foreign Minister Briand explained to the commissions that France had accepted the theory of limitation on the basis of global tonnage instead of categories; that she demanded the right to devote as high a percentage of her global allotment as she wishes to submarines, and that she insists that each power tell the others just what types of vessels it is using in its tonnage. Premier Tardieu and his delegation, it is believed, will demand a full 800,000 tons for the French fleet, which figure is thought too high by both Great Britain and Italy. There is reason to believe, however, that France and Italy have made progress in reconciling their viewpoints.

A correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says the American delegates have prepared a series of charts, graphs and data that actually demonstrate that the British navy not only is not superior in strength to the American, but is really greatly inferior. The correspondent understands that these revelations have "deeply impressed the members of President Hoover's cabinet and other American statesmen who previously had accepted the view, carefully fostered by propaganda, that the American navy is below the treaty strength and badly outclassed by the British navy. It is an ironical circumstance that this disclosure should have emerged from the work of American naval officers who were, of course, anxious to make out the case for a larger ship building program."

JAPAN is deeply concerned over the new situation in Manchuria, and statesmen the world over see in it the possibilities of another big war in the Far East. Mongols in the Barga district have seized control and declared Barga independent of China, and the young Mongol party in Hailar is reported to have organized an independent government, installing as officials emissaries from Urga, the capital of outer Mongolia. These movements are believed to be inspired and supported actively by the Soviet Russian government, and if they are successful they will bring the Soviet zone several miles inside the present Chinese-Russian frontier. Dispatches from Harbin said Japan had lodged a verbal protest against the Soviet activities with the Russian ambassador to Tokyo.

PRESIDENT HOOVER'S request for authority to send a commission to investigate affairs in Haiti was approved by the house of representatives. The debate provided an opportunity for Oscar De Priest, colored representative from Chicago, to make his maiden speech, in support of the proposition. He took occasion to give the Southern Democrats some shrewd digs that made the Republicans laugh. One opponent of the proposition was Representative Huddleston of Alabama, who recently declined to serve on a house committee because De Priest had been appointed one of its members.

Seven Haitian political organizations have asked the United States to supervise the island's presidential election in April, 1930. Their petition is considered the climax of a campaign of the anti-Borno factions which hope to effect the withdrawal of American marines before the expiration of the treaty in 1936, under which the United States took over the safeguarding of the republic.

UNDER the terms of a decree recommended to the Supreme Court of the United States by Charles Evans Hughes, special master, the Chicago sanitary district would be required to complete a \$170,000,000 sewage treatment program within the next nine years. Meanwhile there would be successive reductions in the diversion of water from Lake Michigan at Chicago from 8,500 cubic feet per second to 6,500, 5,000 and finally, on completion of the sewage treatment works, to 1,500 feet per second, which Mr. Hughes holds is all that is required for navigation purposes in the Chicago river. The figures given are exclusive of pumpage for domestic purposes. The proposed decree is of interest to the entire Great Lakes region, and the Mississippi valley.

In the light of the adverse decision of the Supreme court of last January, which held that there is no legal basis for diversion of water beyond the comparatively small amount necessary for navigation in the Chicago river, the Hughes report was regarded as being about as favorable to Chicago as could have been expected.

Mr. Hughes made it clear that it is within the power of congress to provide for a greater diversion for navigation purposes. It appeared evident that if congress approves the Illinois state waterway as a federal project the way will be opened for a sufficient diversion of water to maintain navigation in a nine foot channel from Chicago to the Mississippi.

TWO members of the British royal air force, Squadron Commander Jones-Williams and Flight Lieutenant Jenkins, started on a 8,000 mile non-stop flight from England to Cape town, but crashed and were killed on a mountainside 30 miles southeast of Tunis. They had run into a severe storm and supposedly lost their way.

More fortunate were Maj. Tadeo Larre-Borges of Uruguay and Lieut. Leon Challe of France, though they, too, failed in accomplishing what they set out to do. They took off from Seville, Spain, hoping to fly without stop to Montevideo, but, having crossed the ocean safely, they lost their bearings in the dark and made a forced landing in a Brazilian forest. Their plane was smashed and both men were injured slightly.

ONE of the worst mine disasters of the year occurred at McAlester, Okla. An explosion in the Old Town coal mine trapped 59 men, and not one of them escaped death. Seven others who were on upper levels got out alive. Rescue teams penetrated with great effort to the lower levels, which were filled with gas, and there found the bodies of the victims, many of them charred by the blast. The majority had died swiftly of gas suffocation.

CONSIDERABLE relief was assured disabled veterans of the World war when the senate unanimously passed the veterans' hospitalization bill which had previously been put through the house. The measure carries a total appropriation of \$15,950,000.

World war veterans and dependants of deceased veterans who have not filed applications for federal compensation are warned by officials of the veterans' bureau that they must do so not later than January 2.

PRESIDENT HOOVER appointed Joseph B. Eastman of Boston, a Democrat, and Robert M. Jones of Knoxville, Tenn., a Republican, members of the Interstate Commerce commission for terms of seven years beginning January 1. Eastman has been a member of the commission for more than ten years representing the New England section. Jones, who is chancellor of the Eleventh Judicial District in Tennessee, will succeed Richard V. Taylor of Mobile, Ala., appointed three years ago by President Coolidge to fill out an unexpired term.

DWIGHT W. MORROW, ambassador to Mexico and delegate to the naval conference, has formally announced his acceptance of the appointment as senator from New Jersey upon the resignation of Senator Baird. He will assume his new duties as soon as his work in connection with the London parley is completed. Baird was given the place when Edge resigned to be ambassador to France, with the understanding that he would step aside for Morrow.

S. P. McNAUGHT, who has been engaged in prohibition work in Iowa, was elected superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league to succeed the late E. S. Shumaker. He was the choice of F. Scott McBride, the national superintendent of the league, so other candidates retired from competition.

In the process of drying up the National Capital George L. Cassidy, known as "the man with the green hat" and reputed to be the bootlegger to United States senators, has been indicted under the Jones act.

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NORTHFIELD, MASS., FRIDAY, JAN. 3, 1930

Right Thinking and Quick Action

On our front page there is a brief account of the quick action in a time of danger by two young men, one of whom is modestly concealing his identity. The other, to our disappointment probably would have been just as modest if he had not been discovered. An automobile on a railroad track at mid-night, whether occupied or not, is a serious menace to a passenger train—especially if it is the fast Montrealeur of the Boston and Maine. Kenneth Black and his companion were quick to foresee disaster and to prevent it by flagging the train with a flashlight. The acting president was prompt in expressing the company's appreciation of such a service. It's a good story—one that turned out happily and adds one more illustration of the need of quick thinking, followed of course by right action. Scarcely a day passes without its failures on the part of many of us to think right. At night we say "Well, I might have done better if I had used my thinker." Perhaps no great crisis was upon us, and yet large results often grow from small origins. A coal miner left a bit of candle lighted on a ledge in the mine. "Better put it out," said his companion. "It will go out of itself in a little while" was the answer, and they left the mine. From that tiny flame left by a man who thought wrong—or very likely not at all, one of the largest coal mines in the country was set on fire and has been burning for 15 years. All efforts to put it out have failed. Right thinking and quick action, or wrong thinking and disaster. Which?

Highway Safety

Section 4. (Driver to give way to overtaking vehicle.)

The driver of a vehicle when about to be overtaken and passed by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the right when practicable in favor of the overtaking vehicle, on suitable and audible signal being given by the driver of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

Section 5. (Following too closely.)

(a) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and conditions of the highway.

(b) The driver of any motor truck, bus, or horse drawn vehicle when travelling outside of a business or residential district shall not follow another such vehicle within two hundred feet, but this shall not be construed to prevent a faster moving truck, bus or horse drawn vehicle overtaking and passing another vehicle.

Section 6. (Turning at intersections.)

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the right at an intersection shall approach such intersection in the lane for traffic nearest to the right side of the highway, and in turning shall keep as closely as practicable to the right curb or edge of the highway; and, when intending to turn to the left, shall approach and enter such intersection in the lane for traffic to the right of and nearest to the center line of the highway, and at the point of leaving shall drive said vehicle to the right of the center line of the highway being entered.

Section 7. (Signals on starting, stopping or turning.)

(a) The driver of any vehicle before starting, stopping or turning from a direct line shall first see that such movement can be made in safety, and if any pedestrian may be affected by such movement, shall give a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn, and whenever the operation of any other vehicle may be affected by such movement, shall give a signal, as required in this section, plainly visible to the driver of such other vehicle, of the intention to make such movement.

(b) The signal herein required shall be given a sufficient time in advance of the movement indicated to give ample warning to any person who may be affected by said movement, and shall be given either by means of the hand and arm in the manner herein specified, or by a suitable mechanical or electrical device, except that when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent the hand and arm signal from being made or from being visible both to the front and rear, the signal shall be given by a suitable notice.

(c) Hand and arm signals, as required herein, shall be made as follows:

(1) An intention to stop shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle.

(2) An intention to turn to the left shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle, and by pointing to the left with the index finger.

(3) An intention to turn to the right shall be indicated by extending the arm horizontally to the left of and beyond the side of the vehicle, and by moving the hand in a circle.

Your 1930 Income Tax

Important changes made by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue provide that information returns must be filed hereafter in the office of Thomas W. White, Collector of Internal Revenue, and on or before February 15, in most cases, which is one month earlier than heretofore.

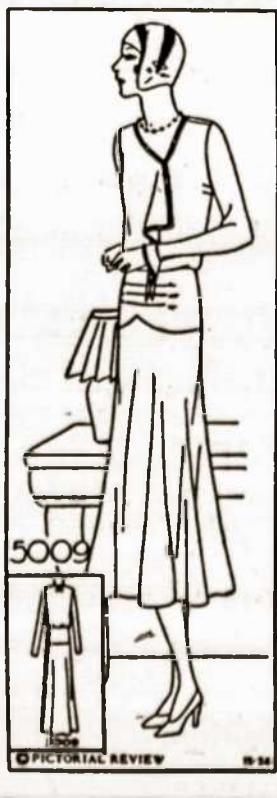
Taxpayers liable for filing information returns, Forms 1099 and 1096 with the Federal Government, are required to file same on or before February 15, 1930, in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, except corporations paying dividends in the form of a distribution from depletion or depreciation reserve.

Section 148 of the Revenue Act of 1928 requires all persons in whatever capacity acting, including lessees or mortgagors of real or personal property, fiduciaries, and employers, making payment to another person, of interest, rent, salaries, wages premiums, annuities, compensations, emoluments, or other fixed or determinable gains, profits, and income (other than dividends) of \$1,500 or more in any taxable year to render a true and accurate return under such regulations and in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the Commissioner. The return in each case is made on Form 1099, and these are accompanied by 1096 must indicate the name, street and number, where the recipient lives. All persons making payment to another person of fixed or determinable income of \$1,500 or more in any calendar year must render a return for such year on or before February 15th of the following year to the Collector of Internal Revenue for the payor's district.

The blanks covering the above, together with a copy of Treasury Decision No. 4278, can now be procured from the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, at 22 Pearl Street, Boston, Mass.

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Fashions for the Smart Woman



SLEEVES ARE TRIMMED

In all the new frocks sleeves are doing strange things, and thereby attracting to themselves attention which they have sedulously avoided for many seasons. But this is the age of sleeves, and whether they take trimming above or below the elbow, in some place they are trimmed. In this frock a very discreet flare is effected by the cuff, and the same theme is repeated by the jabot which is cut in one with the right-front of the bodice. Cross tucks soften the deep smug hip-yoke, to which the circular skirt is attached in curved outline. A splendid daytime and street frock.

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Why the Dead Sea Is Salty

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PLENTY A REASON

"Why are you so opposed to my marrying Jim?" demanded daughter indignantly.

"In the first place," declared her dad, "you are not strong enough to take in washing and you don't know anything about keeping boarders, and, in the second place, my salary isn't large enough to stand another lazy son in the family."

Never Corrects Error

Reader (rushing into the newspaper office)—See here, you've published an announcement of my death by mistake. That's got to be fixed up somehow.

Editor—Well, we never contradict anything we have published, but I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll put you in the birth column tomorrow and give you a fresh start.

Fair Enough All 'Round

"What did you promise the delegates that just called on you?"

"Everything they asked," answered Senator Sorghum. "And when votes were mentioned, they promised everything I asked. Then we all retired to think it over, leaving everything looking like a stand-off."—Washington Star.

Face and Reverse

Mrs. Plainmug—Is my gown cut too low in the back? I can just feel that those men behind us are just staring at me.

Her Husband—Aw, turn around and show 'em your face and they'll quit staring.

The Goods on Him

Her Husband—What's the thing hanging to my coat lining?

Mrs. Sherlock—That's the transmitter of a wireless dictaphone that I sewed in there before you went out. I know all, John Henry, so you might as well start your confession now.

Getting On

Mrs. Plainmug—Have the De Styles recognized you yet?

Mrs. Newgilt—Not yet, but Mrs. De Style stopped on the street to admire my dog.

NO DATES



He—I'd like to see the boss.
She—Gimme your name and address.
He—No thanks, I'm married. It's the boss I want to see.

Grows That Way

"Why is it that a red-headed woman always marries a very meek man?"
"She doesn't. He just gets that way."

Made Her Face Long

Mrs. Blabface—That new hat makes your face look short.
Mrs. Styles—That's strange. It made my husband's face look long.

Evidence

"You'd never think this street used to be a cow path, would you?"
"Oh, I don't know; look at all the calves on it."

A Puzzler

Here was son again asking for another check! Every month he spent at college was costing father more.
"I had no idea," father said sternly, as he reached for his checkbook, "that an education cost so much."

"Oh, it's terribly high, father," was the reply. "And you know I'm one of those that studies the least!"

Early Tuition

"Do you think a successful politician must spend many years in getting an education?"

"All depends," said Senator Sorghum, "on what kind of politics he gets into. I know of underworld workers who appear to have learned more in jail than they learned in school."—Washington Star.

How He Knew

"You know, dad, he always said he'd never marry until the right girl came along."

"Well, how does he know you are the right one?"
"Oh, I told him I was."

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Railroad Time Table

The following is the time of trains on new schedule, taking effect at 12:01, Sunday, Sept. 29, 1929.

DAILY:
NORTH BOUND
Arrives 11:29 a. m. 5:50 p. m.
SOUTH BOUND
Arrives 9:26 a. m. 4:37 p. m.
SUNDAYS:
NORTH BOUND
Arrives 9:12 a. m. 5:15 p. m.
SOUTH BOUND
Arrives 8:28 a. m. 4:37 p. m.
U. S. POST OFFICE
MAILS CLOSE:
FOR THE NORTH
11:10 a. m. 5:30 p. m.
FOR THE SOUTH
9:05 a. m. 4:15 p. m.

NEW BUS SERVICE

Bus service between Brattleboro and Northampton, week days, is as follows:

DAILY:
SOUTH BOUND
7:20 a. m. 1:40 p. m.
NORTH BOUND
SUNDAYS:
SOUTH BOUND
11:20 a. m. 1:50 p. m.
NORTH BOUND
12:20 p. m. 6:40 p. m.

Hinsdale, N. H.

Mrs. Frank M. Tillinghast has been ill, for several days.
Miss Ellen Watson is visiting relatives in Charleston, N. H.
Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Leonard were in Conway, Mass., for Christmas.
Miss Mildred Hamrahan spent Christmas in Framingham, Mass.
Walter Kimball of Boston, is spending the holidays at his home here.
Charles Yobst of Turners Falls, Mass., is working at Streeter's Garage.
Miss Eva M. Fortier, R. N., and sister, Miss Alma Fortier, spent Christmas in Keene.
Miss Dorothy Y. White of New York city, has been at her home here, for several days.
Charles E. Keyou is ill, in his Main street home, and is under the care of a trained nurse.

Robert Woodward of Bristol, Conn., visited at his home here, from Tuesday until Friday.
Mrs. Ruth DeForest of Greenfield, Mass., has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Barrett.
Roger and Francis Hart are with their aunt, Miss Minnie Maginnis, for the holiday vacation.

The officers of Naomi chapter, No. 36, O. E. S., will be installed January 6th at 6:30 o'clock.
Mrs. William H. Booth entertained the A B club in her home this week Wednesday evening.

Mrs. E. C. Burbank of Wollaston, Mass., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Booth.
Miss Winnie Tilden, who had been in Barre, Vt., for several weeks, has returned to her home here.

Miss Helen Shenski of Hanover, N. H., recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shenski.
William, Jr., and Joyce Starkey, children of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Starkey, have been quite ill.
Robert C. Dickerman of Nashua, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickerman.

Mrs. A. J. Tewksbury of Littleton, N. H., was a Christmas guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus M. Langworthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Spitzenberger of Bellows Falls, Vt. were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Fay.

Miss Esther Smith of Boston, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Smith, for several days.

Miss Alice L. Jeffords of Franklin, N. H., was a guest of her mother, Mrs. Helen Jeffords, from Tuesday until Saturday.

Miss Eldora Drury of Dummerston, Vt., has come to the home of her father, Chester F. Drury, for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Meany, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pelkey, and Mrs. John Deyo, all of Dalton, Mass., were Xmas guests of relatives, in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason W. Holman of Brookfield, Mass., were with Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. Holman and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Watson, for Christmas.

Percy C. Stewart of Charlestown, N. H., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Harrisville, N. H., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Maginnis.

The annual concert and ball under the auspices of the Hinsdale fire department, will be held in the town hall, Friday evening, January 17, 1930. Music will be furnished by Williamson's orchestra.

A daughter, Barbara Louise, was born, December 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Torrey of West Brattleboro, Vt., granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Barrett of this town, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Torrey of West Brattleboro.

Those from here who attended the Camp Takodah reunion, held in Keene and Marlboro, last Friday and Saturday, were: Roland O'Neal, and the Misses O'Neal and Eleanor Jeffords, Miriam and Ardis Taylor, and Barbara Garfield.

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"Then dismiss him and advertise in our paper for a better one."—Faun, Vienna.

NOT THE DISPLAY



"The men must notice she displays very poor sense in the way she dresses."
"But it isn't her display of poor sense the men notice, my dear."

No Reciprocity

I tried to laugh at trouble.
But met the same old rumor,
That Old Man Trouble never has
The slightest sense of humor.

Underworld Battle

"I shall call the police!" exclaimed the burglar.
"That's what I meant to do," said the woman whose jewels were in jeopardy. "What hope have you, if the police arrive?"
"I shall accuse you of attacking me and trying to take possession of my hard-won loot from previous jobs of the evening."

From the Back Seat

"I wish you would quit driving from the back seat," exclaimed Mr. Chug-gins.
"All right," sighed the patient wife. "But after that remark, don't expect me to smile sweetly and give sympathy when a traffic cop gets you."—Washington Star.

For the Rainy Day

Nicklepinch—If you spend so much time at golf you won't have anything laid aside for a rainy day.
Stymie—Won't, eh? My desk is crowded with work that I've put aside for a rainy day.

ARGUMENTS OF FORCE



"Did his arguments strike you with much force?"
"Sure did—he's got hard fists."

Word Magic

The orator is often sent
To show mysterious tricks,
And what appears as sentiment
Proves only politics.

Idealism

"I always say my wife and I have now reached the ideal married state."
"What do you mean by the ideal married state?"
"Well, my wife no longer worries about the shape of my nose, and I no longer worry whether she does or not!"

The Harmful Thing

The doctor told Mr. Meek not to stay out late at night.
"You think the night air is bad for me, doctor?"
"No," said the doctor, "it isn't that. It's the excitement after getting home that hurts you."—Tit-Bits.

Served Now, but Laid Then

I've never seen a musty hen,
And never hope to see one;
But from the eggs served now and then
I know that there must be one.

Liked Good Cigars

The Boss—Smoke cigars, Tompkins?
Tompkins, the new bookkeeper—
Yes, sir. I'm very partial to a good cigar.

The Boss—Umph—then I'll lock 'em up.

Drastic Measures

Kathryn—Do you think if I should marry Mr. Gaysport it would reform him?
Kitty—It might, but I don't think he's done anything bad enough to deserve that.

Jugoslavia's Coast



Dalmatian Peasant Women.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

IF ONE enters Jugoslavia by rail at the northeast corner where Italy and Austria meet that country, his route follows the gray-green Sava eastward to Zagreb, the old Agram of Austro-Hungarian days. If one then turns westward toward Flume, the sharp detour crosses the panorama of Croatia's magnificently forested mountain country as the train climbs to the regional watershed before descending to the Adriatic.

The route holds its surprises. Imagine a mountain town halved by a rushing river which plunges 40 yards into a crevasse under the sidewalk and then, three miles farther on, pops up unexpectedly, to resume its surface course. Yet such fluvial feats characterize not only Croatia, but the entirety of those barren highlands which extend southward behind the Jugoslav coast.

They form the so-called Karst region, which geologists have compared to a vast petrified sponge. Such are the tricks that time and rushing streams have played with the Karst's easily decomposed limestone. "Now you see us and now you don't!" gurgles in chorus a whole system of such Jack-in-the-box rivers, as they plunge into the mountains' eastern flank, triumphantly reissuing, scores of miles westward, as feeders of estuaries or, in one case, as a fresh-water spring emerging from sea bottom.

Had some Marco Polo left us an account of the marvelous Land of Spongy Mountains, whose rivers cut through the bases of ranges 1,000 feet high, we might have dismissed him as a fabulist; yet in sober fact a Montenegrin river has performed that identical feat.

While descending through the indescribably sterile looking Karst, one puts to himself the question: "Why, in this desert, build those innumerable, circular stone walls to inclose at most a bit of grass?"

Farming in Holes.

But you learn that what you see are karst holes—extremely rich oases—and that, in this land of Jack-in-the-box rivers, natural precipitation, instead of draining into streams, sinks through the porous stone, carrying vegetable matter along with it, and enriches a regional series of funnel-like ditches. Thus, "farming in holes"—the karst holes, which sometimes number several hundred within a small area—provides grain for the inhabitants of this mountain-slide desert.

The blinding, sizzling Karst comes to a spectacular end when you espy from nearly half a mile above, what appears as a gigantic relief map, the Istrian mountains curving around the Gulf of Quarnero, and to the southward the Velebit mountains outflung ridge spanning the rim of illimitable Adriatic blue.

In Flume, you learn that the city has its front doors on the sea and its back doors among the mountains.

Any prospective visitor to Flume who may question this has only to climb up 425 certain steps, taking them in cool weather and "on low." He will find himself among the city's back doors, overlooking the Velebit ridge. A turn about will give him an airman's view of the terraced hillside by which Flume-Susak descends to its far-stretched curve of wharfage; and from one's feet there plunges headlong the mere ribbon of water that divides what is practically one city into two parts, Flume and Susak—the former in Italy, the latter in Jugoslavia.

Probably no narrower stream than the Recina ever demarked so important a frontier. Its little, internationalized bridge, which is aptly symbolized by the hyphen in "Flume-Susak," can be crossed in less than one minute. You may dine in Italy and take strolls in Jugoslavia between courses. A baseball battery warming up across the Recina, with the pitcher in Jugoslavia and the catcher in Italy, would be spaced approximately at the regulation distance.

When you buy and tussle with a map of the Jugoslav coast, it will give you that hopeless feeling which possibly overcame the first explorer who attempted to chart Maine's coast line. Also, you will sympathize with that other explorer, who, weary of counting islands in the St. Lawrence, probably said, "Oh, let's name 'em the

Thousand Islands and call it a day's work!"

Queer Coast, Queer Names.

Even Maine's shores are rivaled in their zigzag conformation by those of Dalmatia. While a direct course along the Jugoslav littoral measures 300 sea miles, the indented length of that coast is almost three times as long. As for the man-sized job of counting Dalmatia's islands, that has been simplified by ignoring insignificant islets and putting the archipelago's units at 600 and its area at 2,000 square miles.

The locally published maps present other difficulties. The kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (Jugoslavia) has made a clean sweep of former Austro-Hungarian place names, with their prewar equivalents bracketed: Lake Bled (Veldeser See), Lake Bohinj (Wochelner See), Zagreb (Agram), Zadar (Zara), Sibenik (Sebenico), Trogir (Trian), Solin (Salona), Split (Spalato), Gruz (Gruza), Dubrovnik (Ragusa), Kotor (Cattaro).

As neither railroad nor motor trail spans the Jugoslav coast, one had best take the oldest and most appropriate of routes, the sea lane, to rediscover those shores whose maritime fame antedated England's by centuries. From among luxurious liners, more modest steamers, and fleets of sailing craft, one may choose one's traveling style along what is one of the best-served littorals in south European waters.

As Susak falls astern, Italy disappears behind islands. With an archipelago barring the open sea and with the Velebit's barren heights rising behind the narrow coast, it seems as if one is navigating a succession of blue, flawlessly calm lagoons.

It is almost a matter of saying goodbye to Europe! It is small wonder that, with mountains barring the east and an archipelago barring the west, Dalmatia has always been a debatable land of halfway house, where racially speaking, Europe and Asia meet.

Certainly, the more one sees of Dalmatia, the more one feels himself to be, while not exactly out of Europe, yet somehow among the fringes of the Orient.

Along the Illyrian Coast.

Now and then your boat touches port in some deep-set bay with its hill-perched townlet—often an almost streetless clump of vine-clad houses—which had dug its heels into the Velebit and held on while as yet Venice was unheard of. Yet the specter of the lagoon republic, medieval Dalmatia's protestress, still haunts every nook and corner of the Jugoslav coast.

Small steamers wind through the narrow lagoonlike waters, known along the coast as "canals," which were once ruled by those petty potentates for whom, Croatian tradition asserts, mourning weeds have become perpetuated as a national costume.

As one sails along, now the Velebit range, its barren, slate-gray flanks queerly diagramed with walled karst holes, thrusts menacingly forward, barring Croatia from the Adriatic. Occasionally there appear V-shaped valleys where some tiny, stucco port nestles among a luxuriance of trees, hedged gardens, and terraced vineyards. Such are the Velebit's always amazing oases, created by subterranean streams.

A wild strip, this, of the ancient Illyrian coast. Wild, too, were the first Illyrians, a mixture of pre-Homeric Greeks and those wandering Asians, the Liburni, after whom Rome called the country Liburnia. Legend says that from Cadmus and Harmonia, through their son Illyrius, sprang the tribes that perpetuated his name.

Just north of Zara (Zadar) one enters the waters of ancient Dalmatia. Ranging in width from 1 to 35 miles, this little silver of a state enjoyed a well-developed coast which played its famous role in the sea commerce of the Middle Ages.

Dalmatia of to-day has an area of 4,916 square miles. The industries supporting her 650,000 people are cattle breeding, viticulture, cereal raising, and, of course, fishing.

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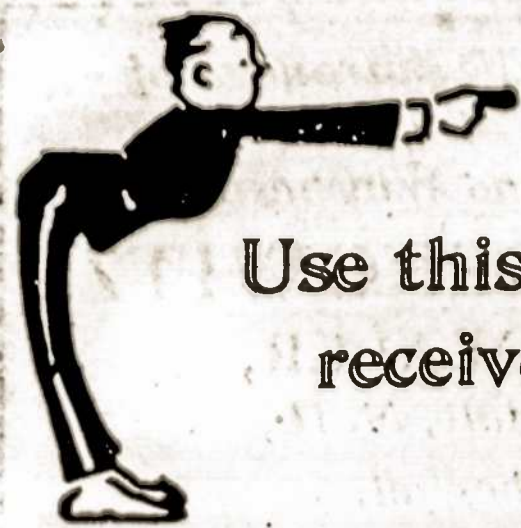
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this Directory Page when they want
something. Is YOUR announcement
on it?

AMERICA'S RADIO LEAD IN DANGER

Gen. J. G. Harbord Sees a Threat
to Our Nation's Place in
British Merger.

The recent successful effort of the
British to bring about consolidation of
their cable and radio interests is a
serious challenge to the radio supremacy
of the United States, and of
more importance to our country than
oil or merchant marine at this
moment, according to General J. G. Har-
bord, who was chief of staff of the A.
E. F. and now is President of the
Radio Corporation of America.
"Great Britain being the great ca-
ble-controlling power of our planet,"
General Harbord explained, "the com-
bination there of cables and radio im-



GENERAL J. G. HARBORD

perils American leadership more di-
rectly than that of any other country.
"The answer to this challenge can-
not be made by private interests un-
der our existing laws. It is for our
people to decide whether they think
it is worth making, and if so, to make
it possible. It is a case where no
action, or action much delayed is sur-
rendering; or even worse, aid and com-
fort to foreign against American in-
dustry."

Other Countries Alert
The effect of this advanced system
of international communication is a
subject of discussion in the chancel-
eries of the world, General Harbord
says, and is not viewed with indiffer-
ence by any great nation aspiring to
foreign commerce, unless it be the
United States.

"Communications play an impor-
tant part in national defense," he con-
tinues. "This is especially true of
radio, and with countries having dis-
tant possessions such as the Philip-
pines, Alaska and Hawaii or Australia,
Canada, South Africa and India."

Great Britain approached this prob-
lem with the seriousness its impor-
tance demanded, in the opinion of
General Harbord, and on March 15 of
last year, as a result, the principal
communications rivals in Great Brit-
ain, the Eastern Telegraph Company,
Limited, representing cables, and the
Marconi company, radio, announced a
merger in the form of a holding com-
pany. The government will have rep-
resentation on the board of directors,
which with the vote of either the cable
or radio interest, will be controlling.
The press approved this merger.

"This new combined British com-
munications interest will affect American
relationships in every part of the
world," General Harbord asserts.
"There will hardly be a port or prin-
cipal city on the planet which will not
be reached by British communica-
tions. American trade in every quarter
of the globe cannot but be profound-
ly affected. The national defense of
the United States must reckon with
the planetary domination of com-
munications by the British. Such is the
result of the action of the farseeing
British race under the lash which
American progress in radio has ap-
plied—a wise old people which cen-
turies ago underwent the diseases of
national adolescence through which
we still are passing. Her politicians
abuse one another, as do our own, but
as against the outside world Britain's
policy changes little with the advent
of one party or another on the politi-
cal stage."

Hard to Understand
"The time when Great Britain,
France, Italy and Germany are uniting
radio and cables seems to be the
time taken by our country to keep
them apart. What others unite to se-
cure leadership in communications we
divide. The long deliberations which
preceded the consummation of the
cables-radio merger in Great Britain
saw in our country the enactment of

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the White Act of 1927, which in plain
terms forbids any purchase of radio
by cables or vice versa. While this
provision is understood to have been
inserted under the minority lash in
the last days of the drafting of the
law, its purpose no doubt was to pre-
serve the competition, in form at least,
between the two methods of interna-
tional communication—radio and
cables.

"Sitting between the hind legs of
the British lion with the tail of that
noble beast wrapped around his neck
is a poor perch for the American
eagle from which to recover lost lead-
ership in world communications."

MEDAL TO OPERATOR 11,000 MILES AWAY

Malcolm P. Hanson, With Byrd
Near South Pole, Hears
Tribute.

One of the most striking methods of
making an award of merit ever de-
vised was the recent presentation of
The Veteran Wireless Operators' As-
sociation medal in a speech by
David Sarnoff in New York to Malcolm
P. Hanson, radio operator with Byrd,
listening by radio in the Antarctic
wastes near the South Pole.

Mr. Sarnoff, Executive Vice-Presi-
dent of the Radio Corporation, praise-
ing Hanson, mentioned also the fort-
titude of the wife of the operator, who
had consented that her husband go on
the hazardous expedition for the sake
of science. After she had received the
medal for safe keeping, Mrs. Hanson,
deeply touched, spoke to her husband
across the vast distance. Within a



Mrs. Malcolm P. Hanson, Holding
Medal Awarded to Her Husband,
11,000 Miles Away.

few minutes Hanson's reply came by
radio through the receiving
station of R. O. A. Communications,
Inc., at Riverhead, Long Island. In
addition to thousands at the Radio
World's Fair, where the presentation
was made, an uncounted throng heard
the tribute over the network of the
National Broadcasting Company.

"It is my privilege," Mr. Sarnoff
said, "to pay tribute tonight to a man
who has made an unusual contribution
to science and civilization. Although
he is 11,000 miles distant from this
glass-enclosed room in Madison Square
Garden, where I now stand, he is
nevertheless able, through the instru-
mentality of radio, to listen to the
sound of my voice. That fact alone is
worthy of commemoration, even in this
day of extraordinary progress in
science."

"Malcolm P. Hanson, as Chief Radio
Operator of the Byrd Antarctic Expe-
dition, you have been awarded the an-
nual medal of the Veteran Wireless
Operators' Association, for the most
distinguished contribution, by a radio
operator, in 1928, to wireless commu-
nication. As a member of that associa-
tion, with some knowledge of its ro-
mantic traditions and standards of
service, I feel that the award is well
earned and well deserved."

Mr. Sarnoff related how Hanson
planted his slender steel towers on the
edge of the great ice barrier, cheered
his comrades with news from home
and gave the world for the first time
a thrilling daily account of a polar
expedition. Those things alone would
have been a contribution to history,
he said, but Hanson added to radio
knowledge by testing signals against
the polar sky, observed the phenomena
of the Aurora Australis and made a
record of radio behavior under condi-
tions hitherto unknown. To Mrs. Han-
son, Mr. Sarnoff said:

"Your sacrifice was all the greater
because soon after your husband
sailed for the Antarctic, you bore him
a child. No medal can ever reward or
repay you for your own courage and
heroism."

Swell English
Lil—So you have stopped talking
slang?
Lal—You've said it, kid. I've side-
swiped that guff for the sort of spiel
used by the swell Janes.

"I've Been Reading"

By WILDER BUELL

THE TRAGIC ERA by Claude G.
Bowers, Houghton Mifflin & Company,
Pages 540, Price \$5.00.

The distinguished author of *The
Art of Thinking* once said to me in
Paris, "The trouble with American
public life is that so few Americans
know anything of their own history."
And he meant the detailed history of
the rise of American political institu-
tions and American customs and tra-
ditions, aside from a few outstanding
events, like the Revolution. We have
glorified and personified certain epi-
sodes, like the landing of the Pilgrim
Fathers and the Emancipation of the
slaves, and forgotten whole eras of
immense significance and importance.
With the result that we think, even
more than other peoples, with our po-
litical emotions instead of with our
intelligence.

Some such thought as this is inevi-
table after reading the book under re-
view and then considering some of
the deep-seated prejudices that are
typical of a large part of New Eng-
land, and that we all share. It is the
kind of book that, while it may be
biased to some extent, as is inevitable
in a work of this sort, nevertheless
causes the most ardent partisan read-
er to stop a moment and consider the
other side.

It is the story of the rise and con-
solidation of the Republican Party in
the years immediately following the
Civil War. As all readers will remem-
ber, there were, previous to that war,
two parties, one conservative, repre-
senting wealth and power, and one
radical, representing the plain people.
They were called respectively, the
Whigs and the Democrats. And then,
in the days of the rapid expansion of
the West, a third party was formed,
led by Abraham Lincoln, and dedi-
cated to the proposition that the
slaves must be freed and at the same
time that the Southern states must
remain in the Union and take their
medicine. It was a spectacular cause
and one that was sufficient to unite
men of many temperaments and many
economic levels. The Republican
Party was born and the war that was
fought over that cause.

But when the war was over another
situation arose. Like all parties hastily
formed in an emergency, the Republi-
cans had not the strength that comes
of long organization. The Whigs were
hopelessly gone. The moneyed inter-
ests, were committed to a new and in-
secure party. There was danger of a
Democratic victory at the polls and a
long reign of the party of agriculture
and the plain people. It was necessary
to find some way, to use some method,
no matter what, to preserve and con-
solidate the Republican Party. This
book is the story of how it was done.

And it explains and makes clear
many things. In order to understand
the full political significance of this
most interesting and enlightening
book, it is necessary to read it. I
strongly and emphatically recommend
it. But one thing may be said in pass-
ing. It is a word of advice to those
who think that morals have been lax
as a result of the World War. Just
read this book and consider for a
moment the state of public morality
in the days of the youth of our grand-
parents that followed the Civil War.
It is not at all surprising that the po-
litical passions then roused are still
with us, as we found at the last Town
Meeting, or that those men who let
politics alone and went out into the
byways to preach the religion of our
forefathers should have had what is,
otherwise, an inexplicable success.

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1. What is paprika?
2. Where does the accent come in "Chalcedony"?
3. "Gundlits" is the popular name of the people of what state?
4. What is a tortoise?
5. What mountain did Moses ascend to receive the Ten Commandments?
6. What is the meaning of "Eureka"?
7. What is a flute?
8. What country has been struggling under a rebellion for some time?
9. What happened to Uncle Tom of Uncle Tom's Cabin?
10. What is the name of the Mohammedan book that corresponds to the Christian Bible?
11. Where was Napoleon sent after Waterloo?
12. What was the first state to be taken into the Union?

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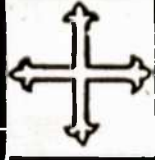
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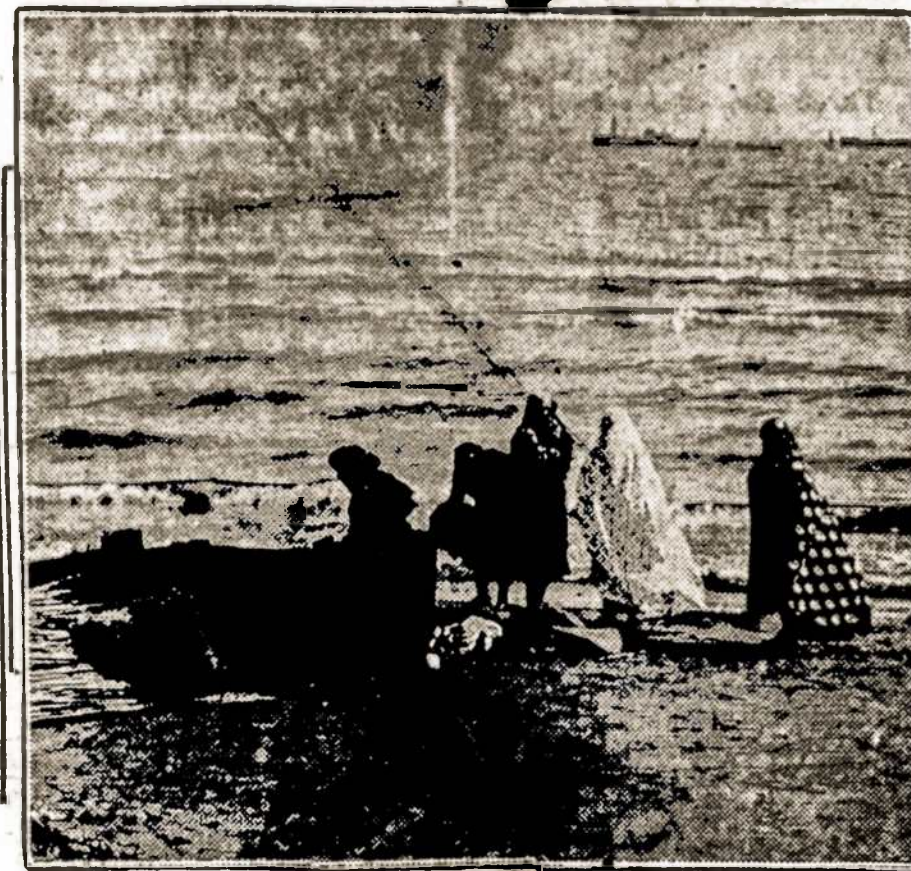
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Two Strange Seas



Scene on the Shore of the Caspian Sea.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

THE world's two most important and best known bodies of water that lie below sea level are the Dead sea and the Caspian sea. The Dead sea is really a gigantic sinkhole. In no other continent is there such a deep depression in the earth's crust; nor will one find greater desolation or more uncomfortable conditions for man and most other living things even in the hearts of the greatest deserts.

The Hebrew scriptures have thrown an atmosphere of tragedy about this country. There, the chronicle states, were situated the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, destroyed by the wrath of Jehovah; and there the modern reader sees the blasted region, seared by unbearable heat, with its bitter death dealing waters, to prove the story to his satisfaction.

According to the Biblical narrative the Jordan valley and the plain near its mouth on the shores of the Dead sea where the destroyed cities lay shared the early good fortune of the Promised Land itself and "flowed with milk and honey." But an end was put to this pleasant condition by the rain of brimstone and fire.

The story of the region deciphered from its rocks by geologists begins much earlier than the days of the patriarchs whose actions are recorded in the Bible. This record seems to indicate that Palestine and the whole western end of Arabia rose from the sea a million or more years ago in what the geologists term the Tertiary era. Shortly after the rise, it seems a great slice of the land parallel to the coast of the Mediterranean sank to great depth, forming the huge rift valley, "the Ghor," now occupied by the Jordan river and the Dead sea.

It is not clear whether there was a connecting channel between the Mediterranean and the great valley; but a well defined ancient beach indicates that in those remote times the great depression held a sea or lake at about the same level as that of the Mediterranean. The Jordan did not then exist; its entire valley as well as the sea of Galilee was swallowed up in the parent of the Dead sea, which was some 200 miles long and 10 to 15 miles wide.

Dead Sea Has No Outlet.

It is believed that the climate of Palestine in remote times was moist and that the great inland lake was for a while kept at its highest point. When drier conditions set in the lake began to shrink, eventually retreating into the present position of the Dead sea and exposing the valley now occupied by the Jordan. This is practically the only large river in the world which flows in a valley ready-made for it almost from source to mouth.

The Dead sea depression having no outlet, all the salts contained in the large original inland sea were retained, when evaporation reduced the volume of the body of water to its present dimensions. In addition, for hundreds of thousands of years the Jordan and the other streams and torrents that flow from the desert hills into the basin have been carrying in additional salts until now the waters of the Dead sea constitute one of the most highly concentrated natural brines in existence. It is estimated that on the average some six million tons of water flow into the Dead sea daily, and since the level of the sea changes but

little, an equal amount is pumped out daily by evaporation.

The present Dead sea is 47 miles long and about 10 miles wide. Its surface lies approximately 1,300 feet lower than sea level and at its deepest point its bottom lies another 1,300 feet down. This great rift in the earth's crust, therefore, lies 2,600 feet below sea level and is the deepest hole in the land anywhere in the world. Because of the intense heat and dryness and the presence everywhere of salt the land immediately about the Dead sea is a region of desolation.

Because the intense heat and pressure often prove fatal to others than the few hapless Arab nomads that manage to survive in the region, this area has until recently not been intensively studied by scientists. It was, at first thought that there is no evidence of recent volcanic action and that the traditional destruction of the cities by a rain of fire and brimstone may have referred to the explosion of pockets of crude petroleum. A scientist who visited the region in 1909, however, reported a small extinct volcano near the northeastern corner of the Dead sea near the reputed site of Sodom and concluded that a shower of ashes from this vent may have caused the catastrophe so vividly described in Genesis.

Caspian Sea Is a Puzzle.

The Caspian sea was thought, in the earliest periods of recorded time, to be part of the great "stream of ocean" surrounding the habitable earth. Herodotus, the Greek geographer, mentions a visit to it in 458 B. C., when it was an even greater mystery than today, for then no one knew its extent.

Some authorities claim that the Caspian had its origin in a great inland sea, an Asiatic Mediterranean, with an outlet to the Arctic ocean. In support of the Arctic outlet it is pointed out that seals are still hunted in the Caspian and there are other forms of life which show evidence of Arctic ancestry. It is argued that the Caspian owes its present size to climatic changes and evaporation. That the sea has reached other levels is evident by the number of terraces that can be seen back from the coast. However, to complicate matters, the weak development of the terraces indicates that the sea did not stand at any one level for a long time. Walls and cities have been found in many sections underneath the surface, an indication that the level of the water was even lower at one period than it is now.

Shifting shore lines are not the only eccentricities of the Caspian. Although 85 feet below the level of its neighbor, the Black sea, and with no known or possible outlet, the Caspian is less than half as salty. It is only three-eighths as salty as the ocean. Furthermore, the northern part, which receives large quantities of fresh water from the Volga, Ural and Terek rivers, is so slightly salty the water is quite drinkable.

The Black sea, with approximately an equal surface and almost the same climatic conditions, not only retains a constant level but is continually discharging at the Dardanelles. Yet the volume of water poured into the Black sea is not nearly so great as that which the Caspian receives. The Volga, alone, drains almost half a million square miles into the Caspian.

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Coastal Strip Is Narrow.

Both the north and the east coasts are flat and hard to approach. Caucasus mountains on the west and the Elburz on the southern, or Persian, shore are close to the sea and leave only a narrow coastal strip. On this strip are most of the important cities of the region. Taken as a whole the Caspian is not an attractive body of water. Its shores are as barren as the granite boulders of its bordering mountains. As there is no fresh water above or below the surface of the ground near the southern coasts, the inhabitants must bring drinking water from long distances or condense sea water. One of the distinguishing features of towns along this part of the Caspian sea is the floating condenser plant, usually some worn-out steamer or sailing vessel. Sometimes the water is piped ashore, sometimes it is carried in tank barges and then peddled around the streets, as is milk in other cities.

Baku, the capital of the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, is the largest city on the sea and the center of a

prosperous, busy oil region. Its surroundings are like those of the nitrate towns along the coast of Chile, only the settlements are more numerous and better built. Before the war Baku was one of the most important cities in the Russian empire.

Some Escaped

Mr. Jabbs (in a graveyard)—All these people buried here had their troubles in life, Jane.
Mrs. Jabbs—Oh, not all of them—all of them weren't married, John.

SOON REACHED



He—Do you think woman will ever reach man's estate?
She—How have estates, when they have women soon reach that?

Mystification

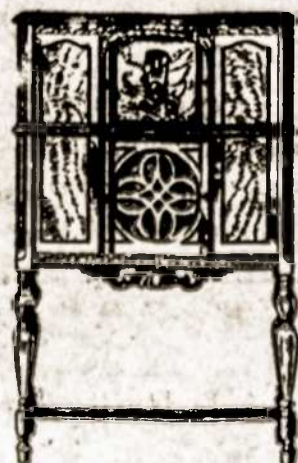
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